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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/15/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/08/05
BRO-FRY	164,797	164,938
LT HENS	1,635	1,521
HVY HENS	1,224	1,474

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	127	0	127
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	174	11	185
Same week yr ago	150	0	150
To-date/2005	12,617	159	12,776
To-date/2004	11,014	155	11,169

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,472	1,287	2,759
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,276	1,186	2,462
Same week yr ago	1,268	898	2,166
To-date/2005	83,475	70,668	154,143
To-date/2004	83,848	72,045	155,893

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954
Avg Wt	5.35	3.37	8.12	5.75
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632
Same wk yr ago	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570
Avg Wt	5.17	3.43	8.08	5.80
To-date/2005	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954
To-date/2004	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.2 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-05

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	25,548	14,092	40,006
Avg Weight	3.83	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	32%	18%	50%
Last week	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,409	23,913	39,165
Avg Weight	3.88	4.65	6.26
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%
To date/2005	1,343,234	1,080,676	2,376,130
To date/2004	1,200,175	1,247,380	2,270,292

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Avg Wt	16.58	39.89	25.14	33.05	30.79
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Same wk yr ago	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134
Avg Wt	16.10	38.03	24.97	34.38	29.01
To-date/2005	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
To-date/2004	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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